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Pupils have the write stuff as they pen pleas to 'save school field'

Children came out smelling of roses when they successfully campaigned to save their school field in a mock exercise.

The pupils at Broom Barns Community Primary School made posters, wrote stories and put

forward persuasive arguments to convince Stevenage Borough Council not to build houses on their school field in the exercise.

Teacher Loretta Tuckewell said: "The kids love playing on their school field and when they thought

it might go it spurred them into action. Some of the persuasive arguments were very convincing and I hope this makes them see how important it is make their voice heard."

The day was put on with the

help of Councillor Elaine Connolly.

She told the children the proposals the council had put forward and said she was against it and asked them to support her and convince the council to change its

mind. She said: "It showed the children that they can have a real impact on decisions that affect them."

The day was part of the Homestead Moat school's effort to improve pupils' creative writing.